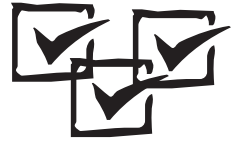




2005 Petition Filing Instruction Sheet Primary Election



New Jersey Governor

The Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Attorney General, the Chief Election Official in the State of New Jersey. This instruction sheet sets forth qualifications for candidacy for Governor and provides an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions in conformity with N.J.S.A., Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Pursuant to The New Jersey Constitution Article IV, Sec. 1, Para. 2, to qualify as a candidate for Governor for the State of New Jersey, you must be;

1. entitled to the right of suffrage;
2. at least thirty (30) years of age;
3. a United States citizen for twenty (20) years; and,
4. a resident of New Jersey for at least seven (7) years before nominee's election (unless nominee shall have been absent during that time on the public business of the United States or this State).

**Petitions must be filed with the Division of Elections in person or by mail
and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday April 11, 2005.**

Please read the following instructions carefully. You may use the checklist below to assure that your completed petition(s) are in apparent conformity with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:23-5 et seq.,

- ❖ Petitions must be signed by at least 1000 legally qualified voters in the State. See N.J.S.A. 19:23-8
- ❖ The name of your political party must be indicated. See N.J.S.A. 19:23-7
- ❖ The candidate's name and complete address must appear on each petition. See N.J.S.A. 19:23-7
- ❖ Slogan or designation must not exceed six words. (Note: No such designation shall include or refer to the name of any person or incorporated association of this State unless the written consent of such person or incorporated association of this State has been filed with the petition of nomination.) See N.J.S.A. 19:23-17
- ❖ The circulator/witness is the person who collected the signatures on the petition and must complete and sign the affidavit where indicated. See N.J.S.A. 19:23-11
- ❖ The circulator/witness must sign the petition as a petitioner on a numbered line and location of the signature must be indicated. See N.J.S.A. 19:23-11
- ❖ The candidate may name a Committee on Vacancies. (Note: Committee on Vacancies is optional.) See N.J.S.A. 19:23-12
- ❖ The candidate must sign a certificate of acceptance and an oath of allegiance. See N.J.S.A. 19:13-8

If you have any questions, you may contact the Division of Elections at (609) 292-3760.

If you are filing the petition in person, please take notice below that we moved our offices to a new location. Petitions for filing **will not be accepted** at our old location.

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